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**PERSONAL.**  
Mrs. R. L. Cowser, of Three Rivers, Mich., is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Scull, of 223 Ash street.  
Coroner Kelley will enjoy a well-earned rest during Christmas with his relatives at Pittston.  
County Treasurer D. W. Powell, ex-Postmaster D. M. Jones, Post Director Daniel Williams, T. H. Jones and Councilman E. E. Robathan left last evening for Pottsville.  
L. H. Evans, who is now staying at the St. Charles hotel, and is a representative of the Turkish Drug company, of Baltimore, Md., is one of the best known men on the road. Mr. Evans has a number of friends in all the cities he visits and is always welcomed in Scranton.

**IN LIBBY PRISON.**  
Great American War Drama Presented at Davis' Theater Last Night.  
The American war drama, "Libby Prison," was presented before a crowded house at Davis' theater yesterday afternoon and last evening. Many veterans in the audience showed their appreciation of the play by warmly applauding the actors. The scenes are laid in a southern home, in the United States of America camp, Libby prison, and the return again to the Graham mansion, where everything is satisfactorily arranged. The scene in camp is well enacted, and Joseph D. Clifton and Miss June Agnott play the leading parts to perfection.  
Those interested in the late war will appreciate this excellently-written drama. The large attendance of old warriors at the theater testifies to the faithful manner in which the scenes are reproduced.

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Oscar in Trouble Again.  
O. D. Ehrgood, born to notoriety and evidently has a sufficiency of that article. Some time ago he left his wife and went to live with Mrs. Carey, a well known character of the city. Mr. Ehrgood and Mrs. Carey lived on Penn avenue until a few days ago, when they dissolved partnership and he celebrated the occasion by blacking Mrs. Carey's eyes. He afterward went to Dunmore and treated Mrs. Ehrgood in a similar manner, accompanying the beating with a smashing of windows and destroying of furniture. Both ladies have sworn out information against him before Alderman Fitzsimmons.

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## FOR A PAID FIRE SYSTEM

First Official Move Made Last Night in Select Council.

## COMMITTEE FAVORS THE PLAN

Assurance That the Ordinance Will Pass Select Council with Possibly a Few Amendments—Corporation Says City Is Too Greedy.

In select council last night was introduced the ordinance creating a paid fire department.  
It was presented by Mr. Finn, and, according to the rule, was referred to the fire department committee. No comment or discussion accompanied the introduction of the measure, which was read only by title. The fire department committee favors the paid department idea and will report favorably at the next meeting. There is not much doubt among the supporters of the ordinance about its passage in the select branch, and though it may be amended in committee or in council, it will probably become a law substantially as drafted. In substance the ordinance is as follows:

Section 1 provides that the ordinance shall take effect April 1, and that the department shall consist of five engine companies, one chemical company, one hook and ladder company and seven hose companies.

Section 2 provides for a chief engineer and four assistants, and for each engine company one fireman, one engineer, two drivers, one stoker and four call men; for the chemical company one fireman, one engineer, one driver and one pipeman; for the hook and ladder company one fireman, one tillerman, one driver, one ladderman and four call men; for each hose company one fireman, one driver, one pipeman and four call men.

How They Will Be Appointed.  
Section 3 provides that members of the fire department shall be appointed according to article 7, section 6, municipal act of 1889 (it is under this act that permanent firemen, policemen, contract inspectors and other employees not employed in department offices are at present appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council); that appointments shall be contingent upon perfect physical condition certified to by the police surgeon.

Section 4 provides that the chief and assistants shall be appointed as soon as practical after the passage of the ordinance and are to serve a term of three years beginning April 1, 1895.

Section 5 provides that if not removed for cause officers and members will not serve after arriving at the age of 60 years.

Section 6 provides that all officers and members, excepting assistant engineers and call men, shall devote their time to duty which shall be prescribed by the chief and the rules of the department.

Section 7 provides for compensation as follows: Chief of the department, \$1,000; assistant chiefs, \$500 per year; engineers of steamers and chemical engine, \$90 per month; drivers, stokers, pipemen, tillermen and laddermen, \$50 per month; firemen, \$30 per month; call men, \$100 per year.

Section 8 provides that the fire department committees of councils, the mayor and the chief shall assign officers and members, distribute the members and apparatus and locate the companies.

Division of the City.  
Section 9 provides that the city shall be divided into five districts as follows: First district, First, Second, Third and Thirtieth wards; Second district, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Eighteenth and Twenty-first wards; Third district, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth wards; Fourth district, Eleventh, Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards; that one assistant engineer shall be assigned each district.

Section 10 provides that all ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.  
The mayor's nomination of Rev. Dr. W. H. Pearce to succeed himself as a member of the board of trustees of the Scranton Public Library for a term of five years was confirmed.

The mayor's appointment of Sterling Simrell as permanent man for the Franklin Engine company vice Marvin Steinbeck, resigned, were confirmed.

The appointment of Joseph Cardon as permanent man for the Hook and Ladder company vice John Peuster, resigned, was confirmed.

A resolution was adopted directing the city solicitor, city engineer and councilmen from the Seventh ward to arbitrate the differences of property owners arising from a dispute over the street lines of Green's lane.

Wants to Be Released.  
The petition of the Scranton Illuminating Heat and Power company which, in effect, asks that that company be released from its present service to the city was referred to committee along

with the resolution of common council providing that the city clerk advertise for proposals to light the municipal building and fire company houses. The company in its petition reminds council that when it secured its franchise it agreed to light only the city offices and three fire company houses, a total of seventy-two lights, but that now it furnishes free to the city 500 lights and illumination in six fire company houses.

The company cites the present condition as unjust and mentions recent franchises given the Suburban Electric Light company and the Scranton Light Heat and Power company, from which companies the city receives no return.

The petition presents the company's willingness to furnish all the lights it originally agreed to furnish and to pay its pole tax of \$300 or submit to any other fair arrangement with the city. Considerable minor business was transacted before adjournment.

## COY AON COUNCIL MEETING.

Minooka Annexation Meets with Favor in That Body.

The project to annex a portion of Lackawanna township to the city incited a good deal of oratory at last night's meeting of the common council. The matter came up when Chairman Hickey, of the judiciary committee, presented a report favorable to the annexation of the territory. Captain Moir opposed the adoption of the report. He was member of the committee, but refused to sign the report though not from any sinister motive. He thought that the matter should be carefully considered by council, as it would necessitate the outlay of a great deal of money on the part of the city to give the territory to be annexed the same conveniences and protection enjoyed by other parts of the city.

E. E. Robathan and Fred Godfrey opposed the annexation on the ground of the great expense to the city. They did not think the time was yet ripe for such an extension of the boundaries of Scranton.

## Battle Grows Fiercer.

D. P. Battle and James F. Noone favored annexation. Mr. Battle made two speeches, in one of which he likened Minooka to a Texas prairie. He also extolled the condition of the streets there, the willingness of its citizens to pay taxes and dwell at length on the fact that Minooka was the birthplace of many men who were leaders in various walks of life. After the speech making was over, the roll was called, and the recommendations of the committee to allow Minooka to come in was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Golden, Grier, Regan, McLean, Robinson, Sweeney, Neils, Schall, Noone, Hickey, Battle, Norton—12.  
Nays—Morriss, Thomas, Robathan, Godfrey, Moir, Wenzel, Howe, Davies—8.

Later an effort was made to have the ordinance reported by the committee called up and passed on first and second reading, but the chair decided that it had not yet been introduced and that it would first have to go through that process and then be referred to committee and reported favorable.

Mr. Regan, of the Sixth ward, introduced an ordinance directing that on all work let by contract by the city the contractor shall pay tradesmen \$3; rockmen, \$2; and laborers, \$1.50. They will forfeit a sum of money, to be placed in the hands of the city clerk, before the contract is awarded, in case the provisions of the ordinance are violated. Mr. Howe introduced an ordinance for the construction of a lateral sewer on Capouse avenue. Both measures were referred to committee.

About Opening Ninth Street.  
Mr. Davies introduced resolutions directing the street commissioner to ascertain from the Delaware and Western company if it is the intention to remove the culm which now prevents the opening of Ninth street near the Oxford breaker, and directing the park commissioners to report to council the result of their efforts to secure the Round Woods for a public park. Both were adopted.

On third reading ordinances passed providing for the grading of Parker street; for the construction of a sewer on the West Side; for the heating of the Municipal building by steam.

The Beeton-Graham contest for a diamond ring is moving merrily on, and from present indications a large sum will be realized for the Church of the Sacred Heart, at Plains, from the friendly rivalry.

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## IN LOCAL THEATERS.

Cornell enthusiasm has not limited itself to Scranton, but has extended to Carbondale and outlying towns, where a large number of tickets have already been sold for the concert of the Glee clubs next Monday evening at the Frothingham. Mrs. J. E. Burr and W. T. Colville, two of the lady patronesses of the concert from Carbondale, will chaperone parties from that city who will attend the concert. The sale of seats will begin at 9 o'clock this morning. The following interesting programme will be rendered by the clubs, interspersed with Christmas carols given as encores:

PART I.  
Tobacco March.....Chadwick  
Banjo Club.....Carm. Cor.  
Alma Mater.....Carm. Cor.  
"The Boy in the Apple Tree".....Clark  
Valse Souvenir d'Espagne.....Leon  
Mandolin Club.....Clark  
"The Wandering Singers Patrol".....Clark  
The Country Band.....H. T. Smith  
Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

PART II.  
Intermezzo Verghienichticht.  
Arr. by Henderson  
Mandolin Club.  
"Nelly Was a Lady".....Foster-Smith  
Mr. Clinton and Club.  
Rebuke.....Murray  
Violetus Waltz.....Waldenfel  
Medley.....Arr. by H. E. Dann  
Evening Song.....Carm. Cor.

Miss Marie Janson comes to the Frothingham on Christmas afternoon and evening in Glen MacDonough's comedy, Delmonico's at 6," and that she will have a hearty welcome may be reasonably predicted. Her experience as a stage has proven that she is as bright, pliant and vivacious in comedy as she was in comic opera, a field in which she had few equals on the American stage. As Trixie Hazelmore, she has charmed all those who have ever seen her, and established a lasting reputation. A carefully selected company will assist Miss Janson in presenting this delightful comedy.

Ward and Vokes as Percy and Harold in their funny farce comedy by Charles E. Blaney, called "A Run on the Bank," will be the attraction at The Academy of Music Christmas Day, giving two performances, matinee and evening. "A Run on the Bank" is said to be Mr. Blaney's best effort. It is full of bright and catchy music and funny sayings, and the costumes are the finest ever used in a similar attraction. The following are a few of the people in the cast: Harry Blaney, Tony Williams, Charles Jerome, Sydney DeGray, Clara Bell, Inez Rae, and Gilbert Lecaroc.

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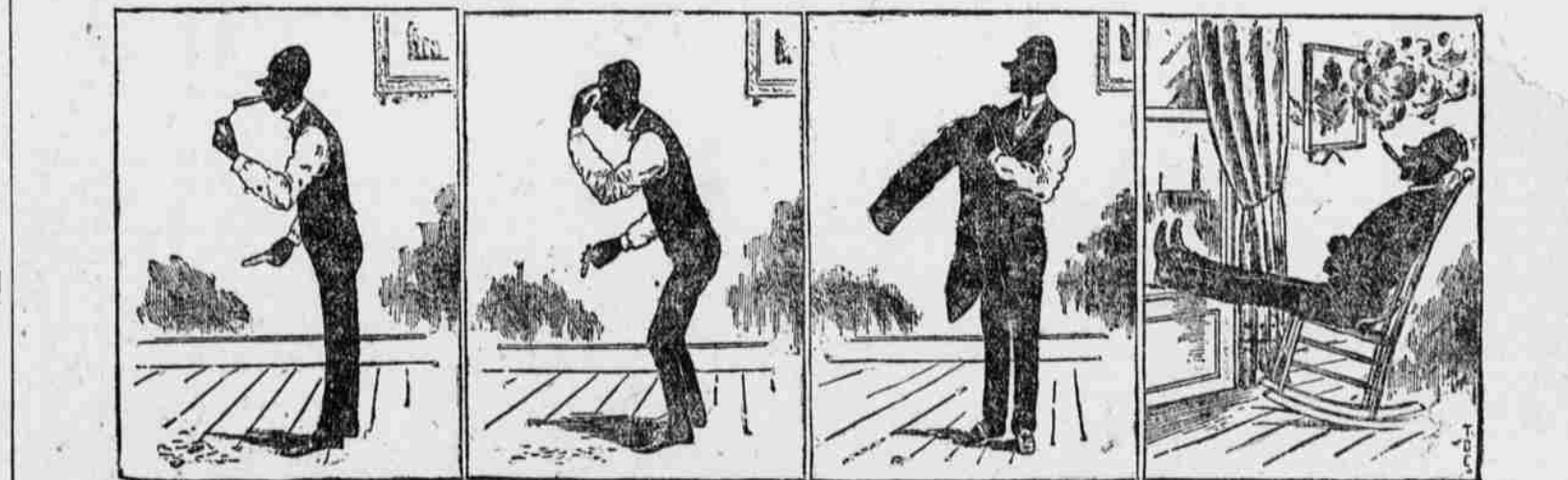
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